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## 2014 Budget

# Council Completes Work, Approves New Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

by James Giese

A General Fund budget of \$24,851,200 for the City of Greenbelt was quickly and routinely adopted by the Greenbelt City Council at its June 3 regular meeting. The city manager's proposed budget first was amended in the manner previously agreed to by council and reported in last week's issue of this paper.

No one was present in the audience to speak for or against the adoption, which results in a 1.5 cent increase in the property tax rate. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the total budget because he felt the budget could have been balanced without increasing the property tax rate.

That increase added \$273,900 to General Fund revenues, bringing the revised estimate of total revenues to \$24,617,300. The General Fund finances most city operating expenses.

In addition, without discussion council adopted budgets for 10 other specialized funds of the city.

There was one moment of mild tension when council finished amending the budget submitted by City Manager Michael McLaughlin and took up for consideration the formal ordinance to adopt the budget and appropriate funds for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

The city charter requires these actions be done by July 10 and the June 3 meeting was the last formal council meeting scheduled before the July date. The ordinance could therefore be adopted only if the rules requiring two separate readings at different meetings were suspended. This action requires a favorable vote by two-thirds of the council; that is, by six of the seven-member council.

Absent at the time was Councilmember Edward Putens, who was attending a work-related meeting in Baltimore and had not yet arrived for the local meeting. Since Roberts had previously announced he would vote against

the budget adoption, he could have voted successfully against rule suspension, thus preventing budget adoption that night. In that case, council would have had to schedule a special meeting before July 10 to have a second reading and final vote.

Roberts, however, agreed to suspend the rules, saving his opposition to the final vote on adoption. Ironically, no sooner had the vote been taken than Putens arrived.

### Cost-of-Living

In amending the budget for adoption, council approved a two percent cost-of-living adjustment for all employees and provided funds for sign language interpreters at all formal council meetings. It also agreed to a new electricity supplier at lower cost and provided half the funds needed for a volunteer coordinator to match possible grant monies. Council additionally authorized one-time

See **BUDGET**, page 6

# Presentations, Wine, Signs, Crimes Engage Greenbelt City Council

by Kathleen Gallagher

Following a flurry of presentations at the council meeting Tuesday, May 28 the agenda was all business, with the entire council and a larger audience than usual in attendance. In addition to approving the sending of several grant proposals for "green" projects in the city (see story on page 11), council held its second public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget, dealt with wine sampling and signage for the Greenbelt Farmers Market, debated county legislation to expedite development review and gave an interim response to a petition regarding community notification in cases involving child pornography.

### Presentations

Since the meeting had been rescheduled to Tuesday because Monday was the commemoration of Memorial Day, it was fitting that Rusty Beeg and Rosita Dietrich, representatives of the American Legion Post 136 Auxiliary, opened the meeting with its traditional presentation of poppies to council. Mayor Judith Davis also thanked the legion for the well-attended program presented at Roosevelt Center on Monday.

The mayor read a proclamation declaring June to be Peace Month in Greenbelt. Ed Fallon

and Abdul Turay accepted it on behalf of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition and discussed some of the activities planned for the month.

Captain Carl Schinner of the Greenbelt Police Department received a proclamation from Davis recognizing May as "Click It or Ticket Month," a project of the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge to increase compliance with laws requiring the use of safety belts, child safety seats and booster seats. Schinner confessed that despite the application of all their considerable powers of detection, the Greenbelt police have a hard time finding violations of the seat belt law. He said compliance is 95 percent in the city, which is four percent higher than the state average. It was also noted that there is a civilian who is certified in child seat installation who is available to undertake that task for the department.

Treasurer Austin Henry and Katie Pape of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club made a \$500 donation to the city's Emergency Relief Fund on behalf of the club. This fund is available for one-time assistance to Greenbelt residents in making a rent or mortgage payment to avoid possible eviction

from their homes. The mayor thanked them for the donation and encouraged other individuals and groups to donate to the fund, which is also supported by area churches.

Putting on her other hat as president of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), Davis then made the final set of presentations to city representatives to MML committees over the last year, including Councilmembers Leta Mach and Emmett Jordan, as well as staff members Cindy Murray, Robert Manzi, Joe McNeal and Greg Varda.

### Budget Hearing

The second public hearing on the upcoming year's budget is held between the last budget worksession and the meeting to adopt the budget, which occurred on June 3. Initially it appeared that no one from the public was present to speak, just as had been the case at the first public hearing on the budget on April 22. The mayor used the time to enumerate changes council had informally agreed upon at the final budget review worksession on May 22, which could not be reported in detail until the May 30 issue of this paper. Davis

See **COUNCIL**, page 7



PHOTO BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

**Olivia Ardrey, 5, works on her popsicle stick puzzle during Artful Afternoon at Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday.**

# Greenbelt Day Events Are Artful Afternoon Highlights

by Justine McDaniel

The City of Greenbelt marked its 76th anniversary Sunday, June 2, with Greenbelt Day festivities at the Community Center.

The afternoon's program featured a naturalization ceremony (see story page 6), the mayor's Greenbelt Day address, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the award presentation for the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance logo contest. In addition, various Artful Afternoon activities filled out the day's events.

"Greenbelt Day is a time to commemorate the city's past, celebrate the city's present and, with the young people here, look forward to the city's future . . .," said Mayor Judith Davis. In her speech, she extolled the success of the city, highlighting some of its achievements of the past year in fields such as recreation, public safety and social services. "There's a difference between just having a city and having a com-

munity," she said, "and Greenbelt is a community."

Before the mayor's address, Sylvia Lewis of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance presented resident Ryan Willis with an award for his winning design in the Alliance's logo contest.

"Co-ops have been a huge part of Greenbelt ever since Greenbelt was founded 76 years ago," Lewis said. "Greenbelt wouldn't be Greenbelt without its co-ops."

Willis, a graphic designer who moved here from D.C. four years ago, said it has "been a blast living here in Greenbelt" as he accepted his award.

"It was a great opportunity to have something that could be here for a while," he said of the contest. "Something that I could see around, something to be proud of."

See **GREENBELT DAY**, page 6

## What Goes On

### Saturday, June 8

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-Off, Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center

### Monday, June 10

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession Playground Resurfacing, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

### Wednesday, June 12

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (Stakeholder) at GHI, Hamilton Place

### Saturday, June 15

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Pet Play Day, Schrom Hills Park



# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

Today I walked in Schrom Hills Park for the first time in several months. Everything looked great but I was most impressed with the lack of litter. Someone's doing a good job. Thank you!

Katy Pape  
Windsor Green

## Shrinking Council Attendance Issue

It was good for reporter Kathleen Gallagher to point out the shrinking attendance at the council meeting at the confidentiality issue discussion.

Bill Orleans perhaps spoke for many who were absent and I want to think would share his thoughts on secrecy by tax-paid employees.

I know of others besides myself who would attend if they felt welcome to share information, bring things to council's attention but, sad to say, I have felt and seen how many are treated with sarcasm, rebuffed, debated, scorned. I will wait until I see people treated with respect. Until then I must wait and let the one who has the armor of courage express the ideas to maintain some semblance of democracy in council meetings.

Let us ban secrecy and ask for transparency.

Jean Snyder

## ACE Grant Utilized For Puppet Company

Anne Gardner writes in this issue of the News Review about our new puppet company, with seven performances at the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) of "The Crystal Ball," as well as one-woman shows at GES and the Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) by Ingrid with her lap stage and her "Butterfly Wonder" tale of caterpillar metamorphosis. We would like to thank the teachers and students at GES for their cooperation and excitement, especially Andrew Karnes, who has been acting as an art project liaison between us and the school. We are planning to take these and future shows to many places, first and foremost public schools, where we feel additional exposure and involvement in the arts is strongly needed. The performances of "The Crystal Ball" were partly funded by a

Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grant; the lap shows might still receive funding from the Prince George's County Arts Council. These starting grants will be immensely helpful to us as we apply for larger education and arts grants, as any grant applicant is much more likely to receive funds if other sources have already been secured. Thus, we would like to extend a big thank you to Greenbelt and ACE for getting our ball rolling!

Ingrid Cowan Hass  
and Ole Hass

## Misbegotten Moon Another Review

I almost didn't get to the Greenbelt Arts Center's production of "A Moon for the Misbegotten" by Eugene O'Neill but a last minute change of plans gave me the opportunity to catch last Sunday's matinee. And boy, I'm glad I did!

It was, as Jim Link's review said, "challenging."

The devious scheming and lying by the protagonists kept me guessing about who the good guys were. The ever changing relationships make it hard to know who these people really are and that is the whole point. Bob Kleinberg and Pamela Northrup are especially strong in portraying two desperately lonely people who struggle, stumble and fight their way to an understanding of who and what they are and what they mean to each other.

It is unfortunate that their amazing performance was witnessed by such a pitifully small audience. Come on Greenbelt! You've got a treasure right in your own backyard and don't know it. You can rectify this situation Fridays and Saturdays at 8 until June 15 and Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Gerald C Martin



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## Prince George's & Montgomery County ACLU Chapter Dinner

Topic is "Marijuana Legalization."  
Date: June 13

At the New Deal Café, the general public is invited. Buffet dinner at 6 PM for \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, \$15 for students. FREE program at 7:30 PM. RSVP to [curtis@aclu-md.org](mailto:curtis@aclu-md.org) or 410-889-8555.

## Sierra Club Picnic Is at Lake June 15

On Saturday, June 15 from 2 to 5 p.m., the Prince George's Sierra Club will hold its annual public service awards picnic at Greenbelt's Buddy Attick Lake Park.

The group will present its annual public service award for environmental leadership to Vernon Wade, Sr., chair of the county Chamber of Commerce Green Technology and Energy Committee, who has been a force for sustainability issues and a leader on off-shore wind power, climate action and the proposed fee to discourage single-use plastic bags in the county.

Each year, the award is given to a county volunteer or elected official in honor of the late Walter "Mike" Maloney, a county councilmember from Beltsville and former civic activist dedicated to a better quality of life for everyday people. Awards will be made at 3:30 p.m.

The Sierra Club will provide grilled food (including a vegetarian option), drinks, ice, plates, napkins and utensils. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck dish to share and a comfortable chair or blanket. RSVPs are requested to be sure there is enough food; email [john.henderson@mdsierra.org](mailto:john.henderson@mdsierra.org) or leave a message at 407-595-9559.

All are invited. Come meet grassroots activists from the Sierra Club, the country's oldest and largest environmental organization to hear about other upcoming outings and events in the area.

— Melanie Griffin

## CRAFT FAIR

GLDFC is now accepting applications from craftsmen for the Craft Fair to take place during the Labor Day weekend.

For more information contact Donna Peterson at 301-452-2158 or [weourselves2@msn.com](mailto:weourselves2@msn.com) or go to [www.greenbeltlaboraday.com](http://www.greenbeltlaboraday.com), click "get involved," then "craft fair" fill out an application.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JUNE 7

"42"  
(PG-13)

FRIDAY  
\*5:15, 7:45

SATURDAY – SUNDAY  
\*2:45, \*5:15, 7:45

MONDAY – THURSDAY  
\*5, 7:30

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## On Screen

### "42" Hits Home

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, June 7 is "42," a docudrama of Jackie Robinson breaking the Major League Baseball color line in 1947. Robinson (Chadwick Boseman) jumped from the Negro leagues into sharp challenges to succeed on and off the field. Playing key supporting roles are Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford) and white teammate Pee Wee Reese (Lucas Black), who stepped up at a clutch moment. Director Brian Helgeland taps into strong sentiments but wisely seeks no apotheosis for Robinson.

PG-13, with racial epithets and profanity. Running time: 127 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 10 through 14 are:

Monday – Fruit punch, potato-crusted fish with tartar sauce, cheesy rice, seasoned spinach, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Pineapple juice, grilled chicken patty with pesto sauce, California-blend vegetables, black bean salad, hot spiced apples.

Wednesday – All sites closed for training.

Thursday – Apple juice, chilled cucumber and mint soup, shrimp salad, mixed green salad, tropical fruit salad.

Friday – Grape juice, chopped barbecued pork, ranch beans, coleslaw, peach crisp.

## At the Library Storytime Changes

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Wednesday and Thursday programs have been combined due to low attendance at the former Wednesday programs. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years intersperses stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are welcome. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info) for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Friday, June 7, Office Closed. Emergency maintenance available by calling 301-474-6011.

Monday, June 10, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

8 p.m., GHI Stakeholders Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## New Delegate Holds Town Hall Meeting

On Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. new Maryland House of Delegates appointee Alonzo T. Washington, who replaced Delegate Justin Ross, will hold a Town Hall meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The meeting will address implementation in Maryland of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that was passed nationally in 2010. Maryland is at the forefront of this issue and one of the few states beginning implementation this year and continuing into 2014. It affects everyone in Prince George’s County. The meeting will include presentations from the Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform, the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange and the county Department of Health.

The meeting also gives the Greenbelt community an opportunity to meet their new 22nd District delegate. For more information call 410-841-3652 or email [Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us](mailto:Alonzo.Washington@house.state.md.us).

## GreenBeLT Pride Game Night Held

GreenBeLT Pride will hold a monthly summer game night on Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. Game nights are held outdoors on the second Friday of each month at Roosevelt Center. (In case of inclement weather, meet inside the New Deal Café.) This family-friendly event is open to all.

## GIVES to Hold Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Elections will also be held for positions of president, secretary and the advisory board.

GIVES members and anyone who might be interested in becoming “a neighbor helping neighbors” are encouraged to attend. Members volunteer to provide services such as transportation, light housework, shopping and errands, computer assistance and yard work. For more information, call 301-507-6580.

## Junior Park Ranger Applications Open

Greenbelt Park is accepting applications for its free 2013 summer Junior Ranger program, which is open to children 8 to 12 years old. The park is a 1,100-acre forest with 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a 178-site campground.

The camp session is held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 17 - 20. Junior Rangers participate in nature hikes and learn about animals, plants and water.

Pre-registration is required, with the park reviewing all applications, which are available at the Greenbelt Park Headquarters Ranger Station, 6565 Greenbelt Road and online at [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

## Investing Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club (GIC), a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking additional members of like mind willing to meet in Greenbelt the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10.

For more information email [goddard@bivio.com](mailto:goddard@bivio.com).

## Golden Age Club by Bunny Fitzgerald

May was Membership Month for the Golden Age Club. We were pleased to have several new members join. Guests are always welcome at meetings, so come see what we do.

Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio will be the speaker on Wednesday, June 12. She is a geriatric specialist who concentrates on treating seniors and has spoken at the Club several times.

We were sorry to learn that Martha Marshall has been seriously ill. Let’s keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Remember – Keep smiling and someone will smile back at you.

*More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.*

## Smell Gas?

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## Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

urges you to


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# The Annual Schrom Hills Park Picnic

This Saturday, June 8  
4 to 7 p.m.

Bring salad or dessert to the park. Call 301-220-1025 to make sure we don't end up with 5 potato salads.

Among those who will be there: our State Senator Paul Pinsky. Come to the picnic for good food, meeting new friends, and enriching conversation regarding local, state and national political issues ranging from the environment to education to housing, etc.





## Greenbelt Arts Center

### This Week at GAC



**June 7 - June 15**  
**Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm**  
**Sunday Matinee June 9 at 2:00pm**  
*Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission \$14 Students/Seniors/Military \$12 Children (under 12)*

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# Obituaries

## Kenneth T. Daly

Kenneth (Kenny) Thomas Daly, a longtime Greenbelt resident, died peacefully at the home of his son, Steven on May 27, 2013.



Mr. Daly, the son of Thomas and Norma Daly, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 29, 1935. When he was five, his family moved to Washington, D.C., where he was raised. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1961 and retired from the Government Printing Office in 1996. He moved to the Greenbriar community in 1986.

A devoted fan of the Washington Redskins, Mr. Daly's loyalty was never affected by a tough season. He was also an avid golfer and especially enjoyed playing with his sons and fellow members of the GMA. He was a member of American Legion Post 131 in Colmar Manor.

A kind man with a wonderful sense of humor, a hearty laugh and a great attitude toward life, Mr. Daly loved and was extremely proud of his sons, cherished his grandchildren and enjoyed playing with them and watching them grow. They loved being with him. He always had a ready smile for all. He battled cancer for 10 years but never complained and remained upbeat through it all.

Mr. Daly is survived by sons Steven (Mary Stringfellow) Daly and their daughters Allison and Erin of Eldersburg, Md.; and Raymond (Jennifer) and sons Kyle, Jason and Ryan of Owings, Md.

Services are being provided by Lee Funeral Home, 8200 Jennifer Lane in Owings, Md., where visitation will be held on Friday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a memorial service at noon. Burial will follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in

## Free Colorectal Checks at Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital and the Prince George's County Health Department are offering free colorectal screenings through June 30. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Maryland and the free screenings are available to Prince George's County residents with low incomes who are either 50 and older or with a family history of colorectal cancer.

Colonoscopies are performed by experienced gastroenterologists at the hospital. Those interested must call the health department Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get a referral. For more information call 301-883-3526 to speak with a nurse case manager.

# Mishkan Torah Father's Day Concert to be Held June 16

by Carol Griffith

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will hold a special Father's Day "Generations United 2" concert on Sunday June 16 at 2 p.m. with feature performances by classically trained vocalists and instrumentalists of Mishkan Torah. They will again be accompanied by well-known local pianist and collaborative artist Andrew Kraus, who has just released his first CD.

The event will include six sets of intergenerational performers – a grandfather-grandson French horn duet and three sets of fathers and sons plus two husband and wife duos. Piano selections by Chopin, arias from Puccini, Verdi and Handel operas; a clarinet selection by Gershwin and a French horn piece written by Mozart will be followed by contemporary music including a cycle of vocal pieces and the premier of a French horn duet written by Mishkan Torah members.

The program will conclude with a set of selections from the Broadway musical and movie "Les Miserables."

There is a fee for tickets,



PHOTO BY BRAD INGRAO

Pianist/collaborative artist Andrew Kraus, who will accompany most performers at Mishkan Torah's Father's Day concert.



PHOTO BY RYAN MAXWELL

Teen-age tenor/arranger Carlos Castillo.

which may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door, if available. Tickets may be obtained at Mishkan Torah Synagogue or ordered online at [www.MishkanTorah.org](http://www.MishkanTorah.org) and by following the prompt.

The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road in Greenbelt.



The light of men is Justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School  
Kingdom Chronicles  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 to 8:30pm

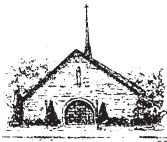
### 11:00am Worship Service

June 9<sup>th</sup>  
"What is a Relationship with God Really Like?" (Part 1)

June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Father's Day  
Hosea 11:1-11

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Exploring: The Year in our Religious Education Program

Goodbye to Erica Shadowsong

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## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410



Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Community invited to Campfire & Bible Stories

Tuesday 7 p.m.

The Birth Narrative (Luke 6:1-6) Birth Stories

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month,  
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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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Conservative and Reconstructionist



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.



Our Neighbors

Condolences to family and friends of Kenneth (Kenny) Thomas Daly, who died on May 27, 2013.

Congratulations to:

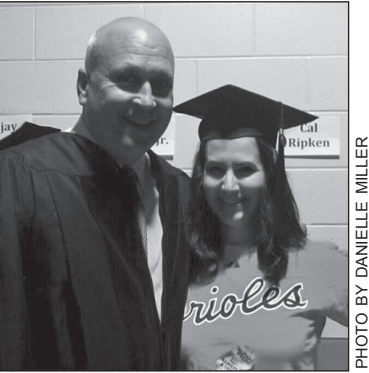
– Jodi Wildoner, daughter of former Greenbelters Barbara and Larry Wildoner and granddaughter of Greenbelter Pat Hand, who graduated with honors from Woodland High School in Cartersville, Ga., on May 25. Jodi, president of the student council in her senior year, will attend Georgia Northwestern College in Rome, Ga., in the fall and work toward a culinary arts degree.

– Greenbelt’s 75th Anniversary Committee for history tourism, which received a Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Heritage Area award for its 2012 heritage tourism efforts while publicizing and supporting the city’s anniversary by highlighting the unique history of the city.

– Twenty-eight students were inducted into the Greenbelt Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in a ceremony on June 4. The students were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. All have maintained grade point average of 3.83 or higher in the first three quarters of the year. The students are Zara May Bernarro, Evan Candey, Jacky Chen, Dieyanabou Diallo, Jonathan Ebubedike, Elizabeth Gardner, Brooke Goggins, Kyra Greenfield, Amanda Hamlet, Muna Hassen, Bessie Huang, Chinelo Igbo, Hyung Joon Jang, Mia Joseph, Tooba Malik, Catherine Mbuashu-NDip, Nancy Nguyen, Mariam Oke, John Olojo, Teresa Ozga, Dhara Patel, Nicole Richardson, Lesly Sanchez, Sarah Silski, Mumtahina Tabassum, Cecilia Jarquin Tapia, Subasthika Thangadurai and Jamie Yen.

– former News Review Greenbrook Estates carrier and Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate William Dunham, son of Joan and David Dunham, graduated in May from the University of Maryland Clark School of Engineering with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering.

– Danielle Miller, the daughter of Barry and Sharon Miller, who received her master’s degree in education (curriculum and instruction) from the University of Maryland on May 20, with a 4.0 average.



At a ceremony at UM May 19, Baltimore Orioles Cal Ripken, Jr. was the speaker, Danielle met and talked with him, wearing her Orioles T-shirt with Ripken’s No. 8 on the back, in memory of her grandmother, Margaret Weaver. Grandmother Weaver, an avid Cal Ripken fan, died 10 years ago on the day that Danielle graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She felt she was fulfilling her grandmother’s dream in meeting Ripken.



75th anniversary committee AHTA award. Left to right, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, Greenbelt Museum; Elizabeth Hewlett, M-NCPPC; unidentified woman; Betty Timer, Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee; Mayor Judith Davis; Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum; Joseph Pruden, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. (ATHA); Carol Malveaux, Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair; Aaron Marcavitch, ATHA; Dave Mills, Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair; and Aubrey Thagard, Prince George’s County government.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



# City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10-15

Monday, June 10 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Playground Surfacing** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Wednesday, June 12 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt Homes Inc. (stakeholder)**, at GHI Hamilton Place

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center  
Greenbelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

for the  
GENERAL FUND  
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
CEMETERY FUND  
DEBT SERVICE FUND  
REPLACEMENT FUND  
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND  
GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
2001 BOND FUND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND  
GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 3, 2013, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City’s budget for Fiscal Year 2014, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund.....	\$ 24,851,200
Building Capital Reserve Fund .....	435,000
Debt Service Fund.....	317,700
Replacement Fund .....	129,400
Special Projects Fund.....	160,000
Green Ridge House Fund .....	1,424,500
Capital Projects Fund .....	1,178,800
2001 Bond Fund .....	800,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund ..	180,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund .....	500

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2013 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee  
For information call 301-474-8000.



Walk to support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!  
June 15th from 10am to 2pm at Schrom Hills Park

Come out for activities and to view the shelter’s available pets!



View Adoptable Animals  
Best Kisser  
Costume Contest  
Pet Celebrity Look Alike  
Animal Crafts  
Biggest Ears  
Doggie Disco  
I Saved a Life Bracelets

Registration is \$10 per dog from 10am to 11am  
Judging will be at 11:30 am  
Winners announced at noon!

Please remember all dogs must be leashed!



SUMMER CAMPS WITH GREENBELT

There are still openings in these fun and exciting summer day camps:  
**KINDERCAMP, CREATIVE KIDS CAMP, CAMP PINE TREE AND YOUTH ON THE GO (Camp YOGO)**

Download the Camp Brochure at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200 for more information.

Plan Prince George’s 2035 TOWN MEETING

Saturday, June 15 from 10am-1pm (9-10am Registration)  
Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland

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Tom Cherrix conducts the Greenbelt Concert Band in the Greenbelt Day performance on Sunday.

Band Concert

A performance from the Greenbelt Concert Band concluded the day’s events. Conducted by Tom Cherrix, the band played nine pieces, including a march titled “The Heart of Greenbelt.” A performance of “Let There Be Peace on Earth” acknowledged the beginning of the city’s fifth annual Peace Month.

The Artful Afternoon also included open studios with Greenbelt Community Center’s artists-in-residence, a film screening at the GAVA/GATE Youth Animation Showcase and puzzle-making led by Artist-in-residence Loraine DiPietro.

Angela Bearden, who was attending her first Artful Afternoon with her daughter, has lived in Greenbelt for 35 years and attributed the city’s success to its close-knit community. Her daughter Lindsay, 20, said she has no plans to move away from the place where she grew up.

“I want to live here,” Lindsay said. “. . . [I]t’s just a great community and a great town, and it’s just full of excitement and wonder, even if it’s old. . . . There’s always something new.”

The next Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, July 7.



Mayor Judith Davis addresses community members in a speech commemorating Greenbelt Day on Sunday.

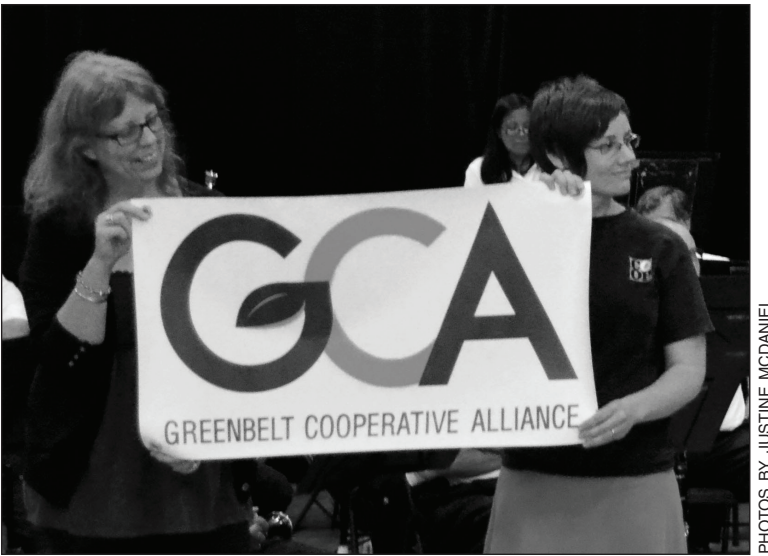
CPAE Offers Family Disco

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will transform the Old Parish House into a Mini Bop Disco for parents and children on Sunday, June 9 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a celebration of summer, with dancing and refreshments.

The program is free but donations for refreshments are welcome.



Ryan Willis, left, accepts his award from Sylvia Lewis for the winning entry in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance logo contest.



Willis’ logo is displayed by Terri Rutledge, left, and Kim Rush Lynch.

Dems Hold Annual Picnic on June 8

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual summer picnic on Saturday, June 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Schrom Hill Park. Picnickers are asked to bring food for sharing to go along with hamburgers (beef or veggie) and condiments provided. There is a playground, so bring the kids. For more information call 301-220-1025.

Greenbelt Computer Club Meets June 13

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, June 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Co-op’s Food Demos, Wine Tastings Dates

During June the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will hold four food demonstrations and wine tastings.

The first event, Wednesday, June 12, is a natural foods demonstration and sampling for Annie’s Natural Salad Dressings from 5 to 7 p.m.

The wine tasting events will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays, June 14 and June 21.

On Wednesday, June 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be both a wine tasting and a separate cucumber food demonstration. It is also Patron Appreciation Day, with a 5 percent savings storewide.

For more information, go to [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).



The Tesfatsion family poses for a group photo after the naturalization ceremony.

Greenbelt Day Naturalization Welcomes 49 New Citizens

by Susan Harris

I’ve always wanted to attend a naturalization ceremony so I jumped at the chance to observe the one held Sunday, June 2 in Greenbelt’s very own Community Center. Mayor Judith Davis opened by noting that Greenbelt has been hosting the ceremonies for five years and went on to urge the new citizens to be sure to experience one more wonderful day in store for them – when they exercise their right to vote.

The ceremony was led by Rosio Lombardo, supervisory immigration services officer with the Baltimore office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) who explained to the citizens-to-be that when they took the oath of citizenship they would not be expected to surrender their cultural heritage of identity.

After taking the oath as a group, each of the 49 new citizens was called by name – the pronunciation of which must have involved some special training – and posed for photographs by family members. As they picked up their official certificates, the new Americans greeted members of the Greenbelt City Council who stood in line to offer their congratulations, including Mayor Davis, Edward Putens, Emmett Jordan, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling.

Of course the whole event,

starting with the Greenbelt Police Honor Guard and the National Anthem, was very moving. But most interesting to me was that these 49 new Americans come from 28 different countries.

They are: Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Iran, Liberia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Korea, Thailand, Yugoslavia.

The City of Greenbelt videotaped the ceremony and will be sending DVDs to all the participants.

Mayor Davis first proposed that Greenbelt host this event nearly 10 years ago after attending a naturalization ceremony in Gaithersburg. City staff and the Community Relations Advisory Board studied the issue and in late 2008 came to council with a recommendation to move forward and agreed with the mayor that Greenbelt Day weekend would be an ideal time to host the annual USCIS event. The city held its first naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens in 2009.

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grant increases of \$1,000 to the College Park Meals on Wheels, CHEARS and the Alight Dance Theater.

Not expecting utilization issues to be resolved quickly, a set-aside for funding programs at the old middle school building was reduced by \$25,000. Votes for all these changes were unanimous.

Only a vote reducing the tax rate increase from 2 cents to 1.5 cents resulted in a no vote from Roberts, who made clear he was not against that decrease but felt there should have been no increase at all.

Following adoption, there was a round of statements by councilmembers expressing their thanks to staff for their efforts on the budget and for holding the line on expenses and to other councilmembers for their

input. Several took note of the reduction in the tax rate increase, noting that even though the tax rate had been increased, most residents would see lower tax bills because of reduced property assessments.

Council members acknowledged that they could not fund all services they would like to. Staff has been stretched thin and city programs have suffered. But these difficult economic times may be beginning to get better.

Davis noted that council had held 10 work sessions on the budget and two public hearings. She had found in talking with officials of other municipalities that Greenbelt’s process is unique; other cities generally devote much less time to dealing with their budgets.



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pointed out that the plan was to reduce the 2-cent property tax increase in the proposed budget to a 1.5-cent increase that would include reducing the General Fund balance by \$91,300.

Mike Terborg, a resident of Charlestowne Village, stepped up to save the city from having another comment-free public hearing by asking whether council would reduce the tax rate as property values recover and tax revenue increases. Davis said that could not be predicted in advance because it would depend not only on increased property values but also on how much the city has deferred that it needs to catch up on. City Manager Michael McLaughlin also noted that council had discussed looking at ways to reduce the city's debt as another priority for funding.

It should also be noted that the City Code requires that the tax rate be established annually. There is not a permanent rate that would require specific action or a "sunset clause" to change.

**Petitions & Requests**

Terborg, who is a librarian in Mt. Rainier with the county schools as well as being a Greenbelt resident, also requested council to encourage the county to increase funding to enhance school library collections, which have fallen behind as the price of books has increased considerably beyond the price per book that is budgeted. The mayor referred the request to the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

**Greenbelt Farmers Market**

The council acted on two items regarding the Greenbelt Farmers Market. An ordinance was adopted on a 5 to 2 vote to revise the City Code to allow sampling of Maryland wines by market customers. No one had come to speak about this request when a public hearing was held in conjunction with the introduction of the ordinance for first reading at the prior council meeting. The City Code must be amended in order to make an exception to the existing ban on open or partially consumed containers of alcoholic beverages in city parks, playgrounds and parking lots.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said he continued to support allowing sampling at the market since the evidence is clear that encouraging sales requires an ability to sample the product. He also favored doing so as a way to promote Maryland wineries. Jordan agreed with Herling, as did Mach. Councilmembers Edward Putens and Silke Pope also voted for the ordinance. Davis announced she would vote against it because of her concerns that it could be a "slippery slope" and lead to requests coming up for other parks on other occasions. Councilmember Rodney Roberts explained that as a matter of personal policy he always votes against requests that would expand the use and sale of alcohol in the city. He added that he thought it was not really needed in a farmers market.

Signs for the Greenbelt Farmers Market were approved unanimously by councilmembers but not without reservations. The State of Maryland has a signage program to promote farmers markets and will place the

signs at the expense of the market, on Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, which are state roads, and on Crescent Road and Southway, which are city roads. City approval is required to place the signs on Crescent and Southway. Councilmembers were concerned about the size of the signs to be placed on Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue.

Roberts also questioned doing this only for farmers markets. He said the merchants in Roosevelt Center had been asking for years for signs directing people from the major roadways into the Center and that he thought there should be some way to integrate publicity for them. City Manager Michael McLaughlin suggested that since there are now historic district signs on both Kenilworth and Greenbelt Road and will soon be farmers market signs on both highways, Center merchants can advertise and give directions to follow either set of signs, which will bring customers in to Crescent and Southway.

**Pornography Possession**

In October of last year, subsequent to information becoming public on a local arrest and conviction of a library employee for possession of child pornography, John Abell of Research Road petitioned council to adopt a proactive policy for reporting arrests for this crime. The city solicitor and the chief of police had both reviewed the request and provided written advice that although some of Abell's suggestions might be possible to implement, the majority could not be undertaken as submitted because they would occur prior to a finding of guilt. Council agreed to refer the request to the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee for comment before setting a date for a worksession or discussion at a council meeting.

**CB-20-2013**

Dueling transit-oriented development (TOD) bills were introduced in the county council (sitting as the district council) earlier this year by County Councilmembers Eric Olson (CB-6-2013) and Mel Franklin (CB-12-2013) to expedite development review for projects near Metro stations. Terri Hruby, the city's assistant planning director, has been keeping council apprised of the county's efforts to merge the two bills into one. The product is CB-20-2013, which Hruby brought to council for comment prior to its public hearing on June 4.

The legislation, which Hruby described as "a vast improvement over previous iterations," would have no application beyond the North Core of the Greenbelt Station property. She pointed out that the latest version requires that municipalities within one mile of the project be notified if a county staff pre-review assessment of an application is scheduled. It also adds language providing for expedited review for federal- or state-operated or occupied buildings under certain conditions. The mayor noted that every member of the county council except for Mary Lehman (Laurel) was supporting

the bill.

The staff recommended that council support the bill with the addition of comments that had been submitted previously, including: extending public outreach requirements beyond registered civic groups; removing the provision for blanket approval of a detailed site plan if the Planning Board fails to decide the case within 60 days; allowing municipalities to request an extension of time on the 60-day review deadline; over and above notification, requiring that a municipal representative be invited to attend a pre-review meeting if a property is within or abuts municipal boundaries.

Upon being asked by Herling what she thought about the likely acceptance of the comments, Hruby said she thought the county was unlikely to adopt them since the remarks could present administrative difficulties, but she thought some of the comments could be implemented informally at the staff level or via the city's own review process.

With the exception of Roberts, council was in general agreement to say it supported the bill conditionally with the comments. Roberts said he would not support it because he thought making the development review process faster had more potential dangers than benefits and served to impede public involvement. Davis said she understood his reservation and didn't want to throw the baby out with the bath water but that the slowness of the county's review process deters development in those inside-the-beltway communities where development is needed and wanted. Roberts replied that it is the developers who want it and complain. Davis responded that municipalities complain, too. The vote was 6 to 1 to send the letter with conditional approval and the comments.

**Open Space Funds Awarded to City**

Based on 2010 census results, the city will receive \$125,897.16 from Maryland's Department of Natural Resources Fiscal Year 2014 Program Open Space (POS) grant. Greenbelt's allotment represents 2.67 percent of the county's \$4,715,249.43 POS funding, a significant increase over recent years.

**Nat'l Gallery Concert Presents Classical Duo**

The National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. Duo Hoerr/Sigfridsson will perform music for cello and piano by Beethoven, Duport, Mozart and Weberm. The concert will take place in the West Garden Court.

Christian Science Church


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- Sunday service 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday school (youth up to age 20) 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bible lesson topics:
  - June 9: *God the Only Cause and Creator*
  - June 16: *God the Preserver of Man*
  - June 23: *Is the Universe, including Man, evolved by Atomic Force?*
  - June 30: *Christian Science*
- Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. readings/testimonies sharing meeting (doors open at 7 p.m.)

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Father's Day Concert  
June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm


\$18 (with RSVP)  
\$20 (at the door)

Concert Features

- Classically trained instrumentalists and vocalists
- Selections by Bizet, Chopin, Flanders and Swann, Gershwin, Handel, and Mozart among others
- World premiere of "Generations Medley" by Kay Meade based on Jewish themes
- Half dozen selections from the Broadway and motion picture smash hit "Les Miserables"

Make checks payable to Mishkan Torah and send the reservation to the office.  
(Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD, 20770)

Read more and RSVP online at <http://www.mishkantorah.org/father-a-day-concert>



Community Wide Open House

Sunday, June 9  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

There are approximately 70 homes for sale in this historic 1,600 town-house style community – at least 15 will be open for viewing.  
A map and information on homes for sale can be picked up that day at a tent near the Greenbelt Farmers Market (25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD).

Come find your home in  
a community for people that love community.

Visit [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) for more information.



**Free Suitland Bog Tour Offered**

On Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. the Department of Parks & Recreation will lead a free tour of the Suitland Bog. Participants will learn more about this unique site, a rare example of a hillside magnolia bog here in the county. The bog is at 6000 Suitland Road.

Registration is required; visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com) or call the Park Ranger Office at 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544.

**Free Bonsai Exhibit Opens at Arboretum**

From June 15 through September, a free exhibit on Bonsai will be featured in the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum. The exhibit is open Fridays through Mondays only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Becoming a Bonsai” demonstrates the steps involved in creating bonsai and illustrates the process that transforms a common crape myrtle into bonsai.

**Annual Luncheon Set for NARFE**

The annual luncheon meeting for the Northern Prince George’s County Chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will take place at noon on Wednesday, June 12 at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn. This year’s speaker will be Vice President Barry Grier of the Maryland Federation of Chapters.

There is a fee; reservations are required. For details call Warren Wilcox at 301-345-7437.

## HALL RENTALS

(CATERING)

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June 6, 2013

### Maintenance Corner:

#### Have You Seen Your Water Heater Lately?

By Matt Berres, Director of Maintenance

For most people, hot water is what happens when they turn on the faucet. Few give much thought to the source of the water, nor the appliance that provides it....until it stops working.

If you have not set eyes on your hot water heater in a while, take a moment to open that closet under your stairs and give this workhorse a quick once-over.

- Is the heater accessible? (i.e. no boxes/clothing/etc stored against the heater)
- Is the heater rust-free on the housing?
- Is the drain pan dry?
- Are pipes in good repair and without leaks or rust?
- Is the installed sticker date 1998 or greater?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, your heater is ready for a service call and maybe even replacement under the GHI replacement reserve program.

Don't wait till the hot water stops, or worse...the heater fails completely; schedule a complementary service call today. Contact the Maintenance Department at 301-474-6011 or <http://ghi.coop/services.htm>



### GHI Guest House

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### GHI's Community-wide Open House

**Sunday, June 9th**  
**1:00-4:00 p.m.**

At least 15 homes for sale within GHI will be open for viewing by prospective buyers.

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**Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. or Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m.**

For more information, contact Bruce Mangum: 301-474-4161, ext. 146 or [contractprocessing@ghi.coop](mailto:contractprocessing@ghi.coop). (Attendance at a pre-purchase orientation is a pre-requisite for membership in GHI)

### GHI Maintenance Projects for June

Contractors will be working throughout GHI on the following maintenance projects:

#### Concrete Sidewalk Repairs

#### Gutter Cleaning

*To protect your privacy, please remember to keep your blinds & curtains closed while gutter cleaning is in progress.*

The week of June 10-14, the work will be in the approximate area between:  
**Plateau Place/14 Hillside/55 Ridge**  
**To the north end of Ridge and Hillside Roads**

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact Rean in the Technical Services office at 301-474-4161, ext. 143 or email: [rseecharran@ghi.coop](mailto:rseecharran@ghi.coop).

#### Exterior Trim Paint Program

GHI employees have begun the annual trim painting project. Over 300 units throughout GHI will be included. Affected members will be notified individually ahead of time via door-hanger.

#### Community Beautification Program

Community-wide inspections began May 1. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact:

Herb Jackson, Community Beautification Inspector  
301-474-4161 ext. 139  
e-mail [hjackson@ghi.coop](mailto:hjackson@ghi.coop)

George Bachman, Asst. Maintenance Manager  
301-474-4161 ext. 155  
e-mail [gbachman@ghi.coop](mailto:gbachman@ghi.coop)

### New Policies Approved by the Board

The GHI Board of Directors recently approved of policies to deal with:

#### Unauthorized Rentals and Unoccupied Units.

The Board also revised its **Subleasing Policy.**

Copies of each of these policies were provided in the summer *Communicator*, and are available at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop). You may also request a copy from the Administration office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!			
Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.			
June			
Sat	1	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Fri	7	--	OFFICES CLOSED*
Sun	9	1-4 pm	Community-wide Open House
Mon	10	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
Mon	10	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
Wed	12	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Wed	12	8:00 pm	Stakeholders' Meeting w/ City
Thu	13	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Mon	17	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	18	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	19	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu	20	6:45 pm	Investment Committee
Thu	20	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
Fri	21	--	OFFICES CLOSED*
Mon	24	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Tue	25	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Wed	26	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
Thu	27	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
July			
Thu	4	--	OFFICES CLOSED* - Independence Day
Fri	5	--	OFFICES CLOSED*
(Dates are subject to change)			
*Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.			

**GHI's Smoke Free Buildings Addendum**

At the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2013, GHI's membership approved a policy that allows members of an entire row of units who unanimously agree, to designate their row of units as "smoke-free." More information on this new policy can be found at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop), and is also included as an insert in the *Communicator* newsletter, delivered to all GHI homes this month.



# Eagle Rank Brings Lake Shore Restoration Project

by Kristin Wharton

Life Scout Nehemiah Lawton, a member of Troop 1657 from Landover, organized and led a team of volunteers on Saturday, June 1 to repair an eroded section of Greenbelt Lake’s shoreline in Buddy At-tick Park.

Lawton worked with the Greenbelt Public Works Department and Brian Townsend, the city Parks-Horticultural supervisor and this writer to coordinate volunteers who planted nearly 500 plugs of native grasses, bushes, shrubs and aquatic species to restore the south shore-line of Greenbelt Lake.

The lake overflows into Indian Creek, a sub-watershed of the Anacostia; that river’s health is important to the treasured Chesapeake Bay. Lawton met with Townsend to select plants in accordance with their wetland indicator status, water tolerance, salinity tolerance and light preference.

Lawton has been involved in scouting for more than a decade. He proposed this project to obtain an Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in scouting. A former resident of Greenbelt, he chose this project to give back to the community in which he grew up. When asked why, he said, “My family and I often biked and walked in Buddy At-tick Park.”

Lawton galvanized nearly 40 volunteers from Greenbelt and Prince George’s and Baltimore and Howard Counties to assist in the project. They planted broomsedge, white turtlehead, blue flag, cardinal flower, wool grass, lizard tail, arrow arum, blue vervain and mistflower, all of which will help rebuild the soil structure and slow down runoff into Greenbelt Lake.

They toiled in high-90 degree heat until work was completed. Saturday evening the south shoreline was beautifully transformed during the four-hour work session.

As planting progressed through the afternoon, residents and other park visitors stopped by to encourage and thank the volunteers for their work.

Local residents Todd Perry and Pamela Goddard came by to congratulate Lawton and commend the work. They urged city staff, residents and park visitors to strive to protect the area.

Public Works staff will extend the fence along the restoration site to deter traffic and will also plan for educational signage explaining the importance of the chosen plants’ relationship to water quality.

*Kristen Wharton is a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator with Ameri-Corps Maryland in a joint program now working at the Greenbelt Public Works Department.*



PHOTO BY PATRICIA LAWTON

During the planting, volunteers are shown with plants ready to be put in place. Those volunteers who are visible, shown left to right are Lafayette Milton, Rex Fitch, Mike Jawer and Theo Sutton.

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All Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz.		Arnold Assorted Whole Grain Classic Breads 24. oz.				Post Assorted Honey Bunches or Oats Cereals 13-14.5 oz.		Nabisco Assorted Oreo or Newton Cookies 14-15.4 oz.	
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Drug Arrest

May 19, 3:44 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A Greenbelt youth was petitioned for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

May 23, 5:04 p.m., 8200 block Mandan Court. A 19-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### DWI/DUI

May 22, 9:03 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive. A 24-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 25, 9:40 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway. A 35-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 26, 1:12 a.m., 7800 block Kenilworth Avenue. A 38-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a

traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespassing

May 22, 11:34 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 28-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

May 23, 4:01 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A bicycle was taken from a balcony.

May 23, 7:25 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

May 24, 7:36 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

May 24, 7:47 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Nothing was taken.

May 28, 1:49 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Electronics were taken.

### Vandalism

May 29, 12:20 a.m., 8200 block Mandan Court. A house window was broken and a nearby vehicle was vandalized.

### Vehicle Crime

Thefts from autos were reported in the 200 block Lakeside Drive (stereo system), 100 block Westway (wallet and watch), Cherrywood Court at Cherrywood Terrace (wallet), 6800 block Damsel Court (Md. temporary tag).

## Tour Highlights Botanic Exhibit

On Friday, June 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden invites the public to walk the Conservatory Terrace and gardens for an overview of the exhibit "Food for Thought." Hear about the BIG BUGS on display, learn about flavors and culinary aspects of the terrace beds, walk through the vegetable gardens and talk about growing plants in small spaces. This tour is held outdoors. Bring sunscreen, protective clothing and water. The tour is canceled during rain or times of extreme heat (heat index of 95 degrees or higher/Code Red weather alert).

The tour meets on the Terrace in front of the Conservatory. This event is free; pre-registration is required. Visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) to register.

## GTA Social to Be At Braden Courts

On Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will host a membership social at Braden Field Tennis Courts.

The event is open to all ages and skill levels. The social will include organized doubles play (no partner needed), courts for kids and beginners, snacks and beverages. Balls will be provided and some rackets made available.

There is a fee for non-members of GTA; visit [www.greenbelt.com/tennis](http://www.greenbelt.com/tennis) for details.

## Botanic Garden Offers Special Tour

On Thursday, June 13 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will hold a behind-the-scenes tour featuring the conservatory systems, led by facility manager John Gallagher.

It is free; pre-registration is required. Visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) to register.

## Rummage Sale At St. Hugh's

The annual St. Hugh's rummage sale will be on Saturday and Sunday next weekend, June 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

There will be bargains, food, a bake sale and door prizes. See ad on page 3.

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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Approve Minutes from June 14, 2012 Stockholders' Meeting
- Selection of GDC Board of Directors and Election of Officers

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Minutes for the May 9 and May 23, 2013 Meetings
- Contract for Part 3, Phase 2 Pilot Project, 1st Reading
- Contract for Concrete Repairs, 2nd Reading
- Communications Committee Recommendation for Changes to Newsletter Production
- Yard Line Recommendations for 4F Ridge Road
- Allocations of 2012 Operations' Surplus
- Recommendations for Changes to GHI's 401K Plan
- Revisions on GHI Rules for Doors

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## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, June 6 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 7 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano then 18-year-old Andy Poxon plays the blues on a blazing guitar from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, June 8 John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Joy Bodycomb Band returns with blues, rock, country and a touch of jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by 14-year-old jazz guitarist Jan Knutson from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Heavy Traffic Ahead plays bluegrass from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Next Week

Tuesday, June 11 the Akoma Drummers present music ranging from traditional West African to funk to go-go from 7

to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 singer-songwriter Lynn Hollyfield performs. On Thursday, June 13 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies. The Montgomery-Prince George's County ACLU Chapter Dinner will use the back room at the Café from 6 to 9 p.m., where the topic of marijuana legalization will be discussed. The public is invited; a buffet is available for purchase. Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 14, then Stealing Liberty will do jazzy versions of material by the Grateful Dead from 8 to 11 p.m.

The annual Crazy Quilt Music Festival is outdoors in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 15 from noon to 8 p.m. – bands will include ilyAIMY, Ace Elijah, Machines on Vacation, the Galt Line, Cold Hard Cash and the Bachelor and the Bad Actress. From 8 to 11 p.m. come inside for the U-Liners and socially-conscious Americana roots rock.

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# Community Groups Prepare For Labor Day Festival

by Jon Gardner

Greenbelt’s nonprofit organizations, businesses, clubs and civic organizations are already preparing for the Labor Day Festival.



Festival organization and is financially self-supporting. Donations to the Festival from individuals and local businesses

are an important part of the budget that funds the Festival each year. Donations received by August 1 are gratefully acknowledged in the News Review “pull-out” schedule and on the Festival website. There also are opportunities for local businesses to sponsor events or performers at the Festival.

To participate in the Festival in any of these ways, go to the website <http://greenbeltlabor-day.com/> and click on “Get Involved.” Forms for booths, information day and the parade are there. To make a donation, click on “Sponsors.” If you have questions, send an email through the website or phone Committee President Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585.

The Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on June 11, the second and fourth Tuesdays of July and weekly in August. Volunteers are still needed to help plan this year’s Festival.

*Jon Gardner is a member of the Labor Day Festival Committee.*

Businesses and other organizations that want to share information about themselves can participate in Information Day, held on Saturday during Labor Day weekend. Non-food giveaways and hands-on activities work well and businesses can distribute coupons or brochures. Sales or other financial transactions are not allowed at Information Day.

Everybody loves a parade and the Greenbelt Labor Day parade has been part of the Festival since the beginning. Groups are already building their floats and preparing their performance routines for the parade. There is no charge to participate in the parade and there will be cash awards in a variety of categories.

The Labor Day Festival is organized each year by a committee of volunteers. The City of Greenbelt provides a lot of help through its Public Works, Recreation and Police Departments, but does not make any direct financial contribution. The Committee is incorporated as a 501(c)4 nonprofit civic

# Audubon, Bird Club Meet at College Park

On Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. members of the Prince George’s Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club will share their favorite bird, wildlife and nature photos. Stories and information regarding favorite gear, tips and apps will also be presented at this yearly informal evening.

Members and others are invited to bring favorite photo(s) or sit back and enjoy those of others. Digital projector and laptop will be available. For more information call 301-262-5148 or go to [www.pgaudubon.org](http://www.pgaudubon.org). The College Park Airport Annex is at 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive.

# Whooping Crane Kids’ Adventure

On Sunday, June 9 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, children ages 8 to 10 can follow the journey of Cinnamon in this fictional account depicting the experiences of a typical whooping crane raised at Patuxent Research Refuge. Discover how these new recruits join the Eastern migratory flock of wild whoopers. Registration is not required for this program.

For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

# Greenbelt Seeks Grants To Keep Growing Greener

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously at its May 28 meeting to approve the submission of three grant proposals to support “green” projects in the city. Applications for two projects will go to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and a proposal that may cover several projects will be submitted to the Maryland Energy Administration.

NFWF has set aside funds for projects this year within the Anacostia Watershed and is actively encouraging participation from localities in Prince George’s County. The city will apply for two programs which fund innovative pollution reduction projects. Both programs support projects to enhance the water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. One city proposal will be to reconstruct the parking lot at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with permeable pavement and bio-retention facilities. The second proposal is to obtain technical assistance in redesigning Cherrywood Lane between Kenilworth Avenue and Breezewood Drive to make it a “green street.” Both of these projects would benefit the bay by directly contributing to the health of Indian Creek.

Council also voted to ap-

prove a grant agreement with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), which recently informed the city that it may be able to receive up to \$63,935 in support for energy-related projects through a new program called Maryland Smart Energy Communities. Prior to spending the funds, the city would have to adopt policies to reduce electricity consumption in city-owned buildings by 15 percent over a five-year period and to meet 20 percent of those buildings’ electricity demands with distributed renewable energy generation by 2022. Funds would have to be spent by the end of May 2014.

Possible project ideas identified by staff include: replacing Aquatic and Fitness Center indoor and outdoor lighting with LED fixtures; placing Community Center hallway lights and exhaust fans on timers; funding engineering costs for a solar panel project; and replacing the Community Center HVAC. Councilmember Leta Mach pointed out two other possibilities under the MEA guidelines the city might wish to consider: upgrading the compressed natural gas fueling station and replacing the outdoor lighting at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

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# Rookie Robotics Team Earns Awards and Recognition

by Emily S. Smith

It's January 5, 2013, an exciting day for Team Illusion, a group of middle and high school students from Prince George's and five surrounding counties. For the first time, the new robotics team receives its official kit of parts from FIRST Robotics and starts taking an inventory of the items: programmable radio controllers, motors, electrical circuitry and mechanical components.

There is no instruction manual. There is only a goal – in six weeks, to design and build a robot that can play the game Ultimate Ascent, throwing discs into elevated goals, climbing pyramids and competing against other robots built by the best teams from around the region.

Team Illusion is determined. They learn the rules of the game, discuss strategy and split into sub-teams: mechanical, electrical and programming. After six weeks of tireless work, their robot is complete – and just one month later is winning awards.

Team Illusion 4464, a competitive student robotics team founded by Greenbelter Vijay Kowtha, Ph.D., has made remarkable strides in its rookie year. At the end of March, Team Illusion competed in the FIRST Robotics Washington, D.C. Regional Championship at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, recording seven wins and one loss in the main rounds and two wins and two losses in the semifinals. In recognition of their outstanding performance, Team Illusion won the Rookie All Star and Highest Rookie Seed awards, earning them an invitation to the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis.

From April 24 to 27, before an audience of about 10,000 spectators, Team Illusion competed against 100 teams from around the world in the Madame Curie division of the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) World Championship. The team won one match and lost seven but as Kowtha noted, "The focus of Team Illusion is not just . . . wins at the competition. It is about learning that teamwork is hard yet highly rewarding."

Kowtha, an applied mathematician and researcher at the Naval Research Laboratory, formed Team Illusion in April 2012 in the hope that homeschooled, private school and public school students from around the area could come together to be inspired about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), receive one-on-one mentoring and give back to the community.

To recruit team members, Kowtha visited seven public and private high schools in the area and also placed an ad in the Homeschool Directory. Over time the team grew to its current size of 23 members, ranging from grades seven to 12. The team members hail from six different counties and include seven students from Prince George's County, two of whom are homeschooled Greenbelt youths.

### FIRST Competitions

This year, Team Illusion participated in several competitions through the organization For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST).



PHOTO BY CHRIS SCHAEFFER

**Team Illusion 4464 at the FIRST FRC Nationals in St. Louis, Mo., April 26. On floor in front is Ori Perl (UM student mentor); left to right squatting: Steven Dea (vest) and Allen Wu (UM student mentor); Dawn Buckley (head parent mentor) and Caleb Schaeffer. Back Row left to right are Reed Bolger, Joe Buckley, Joseph Cashmore, Andreina Delgado, Kanay Patel (UM student mentor) and Eli Barnett (UM student mentor).**

Each January, FIRST announces a new competitive game that the robots will play and sends each registered team an identical kit of parts (KOP).

The KOP contains only materials specific to that year's game, along with basic components for building the robot; each team must supplement the kit's contents with parts they purchase on the open market. (FIRST caps each team's spending on parts at \$4,000.)

After receiving the KOP, an intense six-week "design and build phase" ensues in which the teams design and construct their robots to meet the detailed requirements in FIRST's game manual. Despite the abundance of requirements, teams' robots vary widely in design and appearance.

In Ultimate Ascent, the FRC game for 2013, students designed robots to launch discs into elevated goals and climb on pyramid-shaped towers to score points. Two alliances, consisting of three teams each, faced off in every match. Each alliance worked as a group to score on its opponents, with the robots working simultaneously to score and play defense. Referees called fouls for rule violations and were quite strict, according to Kowtha.

Each match was two minutes and 15 seconds long, with the first 15 seconds designated an "autonomous period" in which the robots moved about on their own according to programmed commands. The remaining two minutes constituted the "teleoperated period" during which students remotely controlled the robots' movements and actions. Goals scored during the autonomous period earned double points.

Team Illusion's members took on specialized roles at the competitions, according to team captain Joe Buckley, a homeschooled 11th grader from Calvert County. The drive team remotely controlled the robot during the matches.

Between matches, the drive team also talked with other teams to enhance its strategy, while the pit crew made repairs to the robot, fixing mechanical, electrical and programming problems. Remaining members constituted a scouting team that watched all the matches to learn strengths and weaknesses of the competitors.

### FIRST Values

FIRST was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, advocate for STEM education and inventor of the Segway. According to the FIRST website, the organization's mission is "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication and leadership."

FIRST's values are "gracious professionalism" and "cooperation." Its website explains that gracious professionalism is "a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others and respects individuals and the community." Cooperation is "a philosophy that teams can and should help and cooperate with each other even as they compete."

Earlier this year, Team Illusion did just that when they assisted the robotics team from Ballou High School, located in the Congress Heights neighborhood of South East D.C. Team Illusion had learned that Ballou team lacked volunteers and mentors they needed to get their robot to a competitive level, so Team Illusion shared their space, knowledge, tools and spare parts. With hard work and perseverance, both teams were able to compete in the regional competition.

### One-on-one Mentoring

Kowtha places great importance on the individualized mentoring that Team Illusion's members receive. The team has eight

adult mentors, including parents of team members as well as engineers from NASA and NOAA.

Team Illusion is also mentored by a student-led group of undergraduates from the University of Maryland Clark School of Engineering called Mentors Advancing STEM Education (MASE). These college mentors include Nitay Ravin, MASE president and a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, and Kanay Patel, MASE head of outreach and a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.

Patel, who is a FIRST Robotics alumnus, devotes a significant amount of time to mentoring Team Illusion – about 25 to 30 hours a week during the build season and 10 hours a week during the off-season. "Mentoring students on Team Illusion gives me a lot of pride in how I choose to spend my time," Patel said. "I have seen each one of these students change tremendously in the one year I have known them."

In the two months leading up to the build season, Team Illusion's undergraduate and adult mentors have taught the students robotics fundamentals, such as programming, wiring and mechanics. In addition, Jim Grove, a design mentor from the Firebird Robotics team at McKinley Technology High School in Washington, D.C., donated one of his team's robots to Team Illusion to help the students practice before the build season. According to Buckley, working on this robot was critical to Team Illusion's preparation for the upcoming competitive season.

### Community Outreach

Team Illusion strives to generate excitement about robotics and encourage others to enter the STEM fields. As part of their community outreach efforts the team gives presentations at area conferences, schools and universities and also hosts ongoing community lectures called the Illusion Science Café.

The next Illusion Science Café

lecture will take place on Sunday, June 9 at 1 p.m., 8812 Orbit Lane in Lanham. Murty Divakarla, Ph.D., a research scientist at NOAA College Park, will discuss remote sensing. The interactive talk will be geared toward fifth to eighth graders but all are welcome.

### Dedicated Meeting Space

Due to the difficulty of moving the team's equipment and the frequency with which the team meets, Team Illusion needs its own dedicated meeting space. After the team formed last April, the City of Greenbelt offered them a dedicated space to use, but for only a few hours a week, which Kowtha knew would be inadequate.

In September, the University of Maryland offered the team a meeting space, but only available twice a week. Finally, the team found a dedicated space at the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple in Lanham, where they currently meet. Kowtha, however, still hopes to find a space in Greenbelt that is more convenient for everyone, especially the team's mentors from the University of Maryland.

### Needs Funding

Donations from family, friends, local businesses and a few corporate sponsors like Lockheed Martin and Xerox have been keeping Team Illusion afloat since its founding last year. Other more established competitors in the region receive substantial amounts of funding from their school systems and large corporate sponsors.

Each year the team needs \$6,500 to purchase the official FRC kit of parts to register to compete. According to Kowtha, the team typically needs to raise a total of \$20,000 by October of each year to be able to compete successfully, which they are grateful to have been able to do this past year. To make a contribution to Team Illusion, visit [www.teamillusion4464.com](http://www.teamillusion4464.com).

### Recruiting New Members

Middle school and high school students are welcome to join Team Illusion as long as their own school does not already have a robotics team. Team Illusion typically meets two times a week but during the busy build season from January to the end of February, the group meets almost daily.

"Team Illusion is a community team not affiliated with a particular school," said Dawn Buckley, adult mentor and mother of team captain Joe. "In fact, the majority of our students are homeschooled. We have an outstanding group of students who are very open to accepting students of all areas, backgrounds, school affiliations and levels of experience."

Team Illusion gives students opportunities beyond learning about robotics, Dawn Buckley explained. It provides "a fun, supportive environment" in which students learn about "mechanical and electrical engineering, programming, business, website design, videography, public speaking, STEM outreach and leadership." Joe added, "Team Illusion means that I will always have a place to hang out with friends doing what I love." With such dedicated mentors and enthusiastic members, Team Illusion's future is bound to be bright.



# Area Students Honored at ACE Awards Ceremony

by Mary Moien

Eleven students from area elementary, middle and high schools were honored at the May 13 City Council meeting when the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) presented its 19th annual Student Awards. These awards are designed to select one male and one female student from each school who exemplify the spirit of Greenbelt and have made positive contributions to their school and community. A twelfth student was honored with the Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award.

State and county luminaries joined council to congratulate the students, including State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington. School Board Member Peggy Higgins also was on hand. Absent because of a family death was County Councilmember Ingrid Turner who was represented by Altmann Pannell of her staff.

ACE Chair Susan Breon led the program, giving introductions and explaining that ACE was formed in 1994 to address education issues and serve as a liaison between the community and council. She said that ACE awardees from elementary and middle schools would receive a gift certificate to Books-a-Million and graduating senior awardees would receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The students also received certificates of recognition from city, county and state as well as ACE T-shirts for the Labor Day Festival parade. Breon noted appreciation for Turner’s continued contribution of \$2,000 to the ACE Scholarship Fund.

**Elementary School Awardees**  
Four elementary schools participated in the ACE awards: Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Turning Point Academy. At GES the ACE awards went to fifth-graders Zion Albright and Hans Konchou.

Albright has exceptional study habits and her favorite subject is math. She has taken on leadership positions in safety patrol, lining up students according to grade level to board buses. She also assisted peers in class and has broad interests, participating in a county-wide ballroom dancing contest and in the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance and cheerleading for the Raiders. Albright’s goal is to attend a top university and become a lawyer.  
Konchou is friendly and fa-

mous for his competitive nature and always is available in class if a student needs extra help. He maintained the highest scores this year in the online First in Math game for fifth-graders and also is an avid reader who read 120 Accelerated Reader books last year. Konchou, a member of the Greenbelt Science Bowl team, participated in the robotics club after school. His interests extend to music; he plays clarinet in the school band.

At Springhill Lake Elementary, ACE awards went to Sergio Coutino and Doris Aviles. Coutino, a longtime Greenbelt resident, is a fine student and a member of the school chorus who has performed in productions of “Annie” and “Seussical.” After school he attended the ACE reading club, discussing literature with other book lovers. He has been a patient peer tutor in class and was chosen to participate in the Spring Stream Clean-Up, a community service project. He is active in his church and serves as a youth missionary.

Aviles is a caring and dedicated student who has served on safety patrol and participated in the school’s Spring Stream Clean-Up. She also worked as a Reading Together tutor, helping younger students build their reading skills. She is proud of this because she was enrolled in English Language Learners (ELL) as a first and second grader but by third grade she had mastered English. An enthusiastic leader, she and a classmate presented a plan to organize a jump rope club to help kids stay active and healthy. This spring she received a scholarship to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Aviles also participated in chorus and drama club and helped her family with cooking and cleaning at home.

Magnolia Elementary School awarded its ACE honors to sixth-graders Malcolm Elbert and Madison Telfer. Elbert was new to Magnolia this year but settled in quickly and proved himself a dedicated student. He is funny and also is a deep thinker and has been an excellent member of the Science Bowl team. He is very encouraging to his peers.

Telfer is extremely articulate and although she may appear shy, she proved to be an on-camera talent this year as an interviewer and announcer on the school news show, WMES. Conscientious and helpful, Telfer strives to do her best in every subject. She was one of the kindest students in her grade and her peers gravitated to her. She also was a member of the Magnolia chorus



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**1st Row:** Rosalind Carter, Elsie Waynes, Peggy Higgins, Hans Konchou, Nnaedoze Okorie, Shahara Rahman, Zion Albright, Doris Aviles, Madison Telfer and Sergio Coutino  
**2nd Row:** Delegates Alonzo Washington and Tawanna Gaines, Joshua Nichols, David Whiteman, Donald Rich, Nathaniel Kalil, Ershia Francois, Janet Mirsky, Malcolm Elbert and Veronica Martin-Frederick  
**3rd Row:** Altmann Pannell, Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Anne Healey, Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Ed Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope and ACE Chair Susan Breon

and played flute in the school orchestra.

Turning Point Academy had no boys in its graduating class this year so bestowed its single ACE award on Ryley Hinson, who enjoys discussing issues pertaining to society and the world. She has excelled in her efforts in algebra, Spanish and geometry and loves to read. Hinson has displayed a strong work ethic, engaging in independent study and computing mathematical problems that go beyond the lesson at hand. She extended her mathematical and academic skills to students in lower grades and exhibited patience in helping them learn.

**Middle School**  
Greenbelt Middle School’s ACE awards honored Nathaniel Kalil and Shahara Rahman. Kalil, who speaks Spanish and English, has maintained straight A’s in middle school. He likes science and English language arts and is a committed reader and writer. In the future he hopes to have some of his written works published.

Kalil has served as a role model for aspiring scholars with the disciplined use of his time. For two years he has been an active member of the Greenbelt Chorus and is close to becoming an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Kalil is committed to service learning and has ex-

ceeded the county requirement of 24 service hours by high school graduation, having already completed 39 hours four years before graduation. He wants to pursue a medical career.

Rahman ranked at the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA and participated in the Student Government Association and the Greenbelt Middle School Announcements Crew. She recently participated in a recycling project in which recycled objects were used to create sculptures. She also has a great love for food and has thought of becoming a chef but now is interested in being a pediatrician. She is a problem-solver and values the support of her family and friends.

**High School**  
The ACE award winners at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) were Nnaedoze Okorie and Ershia Francois. Each of them will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship to contribute toward their educational expenses. Okorie is a former ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) student who has earned a 3.47 cumulative GPA. He completed AP English Literature, has competed on the debate team and last year received the Outstanding Junior award. Okorie has been active in the ERHS Air Force ROTC program where he has earned the highest level of achievement which has brought

new responsibilities.

Francois, a native of Trinidad, moved to the U.S. three years ago. She has maintained honor roll status here and is a member of the French Honor Society, helping tutor other students learning French. Francois has sung with a girls’ church choir and is a member of the ERHS Pearls, a cappella group. She also played on the lacrosse team and has studied lyrical dance and gymnastics. She hopes to become a cardiac surgeon and has volunteered at the Children’s National Medical Center.

**State Delegate Award**  
Joshua Nichols, a student at ERHS, won the Maryland State Delegate Scholarship Award, a \$500 scholarship presented by Delegate Anne Healey. Nichols plans to attend the Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland and major in chemical engineering. He will receive a President’s Scholarship from the Honors College and is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Latin Honor Society. Nichols has won recognition in musical competitions and served as co-director of the ERHS Pep Band. He also has coached Boys and Girls Club soccer, worked at food pantries, helped with Red Cross blood drives and the Labor Day Festival and served on a six-week mission to Thailand.

## Hayes’ Sculpture Exhibited at Café

An exhibit of sculptural pieces by Greenbelt artist and published poet John Hayes is on display case at the New Deal Café. Hayes’ collection demonstrates a variety of materials – wood, concrete, alabaster and permagile. He says the pieces echo the paradox of existence. The eclectic



pieces evoke gestural qualities and flowing movement like the piece featured here, making viewers long to stroke them, says Hayes. The exhibit will continue through July 1. The New Deal Café art program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Art.

## Guided Morning Bird Walk Held at Refuge

On Wednesday, June 12 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge visitors ages 16+ can search for birds in several refuge habitats on a guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

## Old Town Bowie Hosts Free Events

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Two dabblers immerse their heads below the surface to find food.

## White Sails in the Sunset At Greenbelt Lake

by William K. Morris

While sitting on a bench along the north shore of Greenbelt Lake, I glimpsed what seemed to be white little sails about 200 feet east of me on the lake, reflecting the strong horizontal rays of the setting sun. With my binoculars, I saw that those “sails” were the white undersides of the back ends of five Canada geese, which seemed to appear and disappear on the surface as they randomly rose and receded. (How and why were they doing that?) I was way too far away to take a good photo. Maybe the distance of my view was essential anyhow to the delightful illusion of sails, which turned out to be tails.

I learned that those sails are the surface manifestation of a particular feeding maneuver of Canada geese and many other waterfowl. The term for it is deep dabbling, and in doing it they immerse their heads below the surface to find food. That makes their tails go up.

### Divers

Some waterfowl dive for their food. (Examples are grebes, loons, mergansers, and cormorants, all seen at Greenbelt Lake at particular times in their migration schedule. Wood ducks are also divers, and quite a few of them seem to have become year-around residents at the lake.) Divers can descend many feet, swimming underwater with power and agility to catch fish and other aquatic creatures. I only mention them in passing, but they deserve full and separate treatment to do them justice.

Canada geese and mallards, however, are dabblers, not divers. They forage mostly for pond flora by immersing their heads, but not their whole bodies, in the water. They are amusing to watch,

especially Canada geese, which display two types of dabbling: demi-dabbling and deep dabbling.

### Dabblers

Canada geese can demi-dabble while making headway, their heads and long necks submerged. If their food is not too far below the surface, they can reach it without dabbling deeper. I have seen them do this for periods of about 15 seconds before they lift their heads to breathe.

In its most spectacular but absurd-looking maneuver for munching, the Canada goose does a deep dabble when it needs the extra reach for food farther below the surface. The photo above shows two Canada geese deep-dabbling. It does not make headway when it assumes this posture, in which it aligns its body and neck vertically. While its head, neck, and shoulders are submerged to maximum depth and pointing straight down, you see only its legs, feet, and butt—the latter pointed skyward. I have seen the goose dip and work its paddles a bit to help maintain verticality and possibly to adjust depth, but the deep dabble appears to be mainly a feat of flotation in which it shifts its weight for balance.

Smaller waterfowl such as the mallard make this same maneuver, but the Canada goose, being a much larger bird, does it with a grandeur that is more likely to get your attention. If a flotilla of several deep-dabbling Canada geese does not make you take notice and chuckle when you see it, nothing in nature will! You may even notice it 200 feet away, as I did, if the light is right to reflect off those undulating white sails in the sunset.

*William K. Morris is an avid bird watcher and resident of Glenn Dale.*



Two demi-dabblers appear headless, while the third breathes between dabbles.

# Elementary School Students Enjoy Beech Tree Puppets

by Anne Gardner

The library at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) was transformed last week into a puppet theater, with each grade in turn treated to a tale of enchantments, dragons, giants, handsome princes and captured princesses. Local Greenbelt couple Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass had received a grant from Greenbelt’s Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) to fund the puppet shows and gave seven performances over three days, each to an audience of 50 to 100 children.

The couple spent the past year handcrafting the intricate 20” marionette puppets from a combination of wood, paper mache and silk. They also used shadow puppets very effectively in one scene to depict a battle between the prince and the dragon.

The multi-talented couple are trained opera singers and actors. They wrote the script based on Grimm’s fairy tale “The Crystal Ball” and then incorporated song and several musical instruments, including an In-



PHOTO BY NORA SIMON


Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass delight the young audiences with their handmade puppets.

dian flute and a lyre, to weave their delightful magic. From the smallest pre-kindergarten students to the biggest fifth graders, the students were mesmerized, laugh-

ing at the clumsy giants and exclaiming as the magician’s castle was revealed.


At the end of each performance the students had the opportunity to ask questions. These consisted mostly of excited comments from the younger audience members about how much they had enjoyed the show but the older students asked how the puppets were made, what the unusual musical instruments were and details about the characters in the story.

Students took away with them the values of courage, steadfastness, love for truth and the need to take on responsibility in the world, all of which were expressed in the fairy tale. Perhaps also they will be inspired to greater creativity and imagination after being exposed to Cowan and Hass’s talents. The couple hopes to take their “Beech Tree Puppet Theatre” shows to other local schools and organizations in the future and to share their love of music and theater with a wider audience.




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